GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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PROJECTS TAKEN UP IN NER QUESTION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects that have been taken up since 2006 in revitalization of the NER;

(b) whether the Government has received any recommendation of project for this area as `THRUST AREA` in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to declare North East Region as a priority Region for development; and

(e) if not, the alternative measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest disruptive and violent activities in the region through developmental activities in the Region?

Answer

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(a) The details of projects sanctioned under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) scheme during 2006-07 and 2007-08 are available on Ministry of DONER`s website at www.mdoner.gov.in. The details of projects sanctioned by the North Eastern Council from its Plan allocation in the North Eastern Region in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in the NEC`s website at www.necouncil.gov.in. In addition, under the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Scheme of this Ministry, programmes were undertaken to train Government officials and unemployed youth of the region.

(b) to (e) No recommendation of project as Thrust Area project has been received in this Ministry. However, the Central Government has accorded priority to the holistic development of the North Eastern Region.Some important measures taken in this regard are highlighted below:-

All the eight North Eastern States are treated as Special Category States.

Since 1998-99, the Central Ministries are required to earmark at least 10% of their GBS for the North-East Region, except those which are specially exempted from it.

The Government has set up a Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) out of the unspent balance of Central Ministries from their mandatory allocation for the NER.The Government allocates funds from the NLCPR for infrastructure development in the NER.

The North Eastern Council,a statutory body, is allocated a budget for taking up regional development projects in the NER.

The Government has notified the North East Industrial Investment & Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 for promoting industrial development in the Region. The Policy provides various incentives to industrial units located in NE Region, which inter-alia includes 100% excise duty exemption on finished products, 100% income tax exemption, capital investment subsidy up to 30% of investment in plant and machinery and interest subsidy at the rate of 3% on working capital.